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TAFT WILL PARDON MORSE ON A VERDICT OF DOCTORS

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STOKES SWEARS SHOW GIRL "CHASED" HIM BEFORE PAIR BLACKMAILED AND SHOT HIM

Millionaire Tells on Stand How
He Was Victim of Miss
Graham's Plot.

HELD UP WITH LETTERS.

Fair Defendants' Lawyer Puts

Hotel Man on Grill for
the Defense.

No trace of the flippant nonchalance that has marked their conduct since their sudden acquisition of fame through shooting Millionaire W. E. D. Stokes in the legs in their rooms at the Varuna apartments last June, was discernible when Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, faced Justice Marcus, a jury and their elderly accuser, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court to-day.

The air of assurance that had carried the pair of show girls through arrest, a court and grand jury proceeding, and out before the footlights had vanished. Assistant District Attorney Emory Buckner's quiet, business like but exhorting presentation of the State's side of the case that closed yesterday's session seemed to have torn from the girls' pretty, carefully prepared faces their masks of petulant disdain.

STOKES DIVORCED WHEN HE MET SHOW GIRL.

"Where and when did you first meet Lillian Graham?" asked Mr. Buckner. "At the Ansonia Hotel, the latter part of the year of 1907," replied the witness. "She was living with her sister, Mrs. Shannon, who had an apartment at the Ansonia Hotel. We became well acquainted and I heard from her quite often. We discussed her going on the stage. Miss Graham said her sister did not want her to go on the stage, but that she had been on in California. She said she was twenty-four. I advised her against it, but she went in a company. "Were you a married man then?" "No, sir, I was a divorcee."

Mr. Buckner then led the witness to the time in 1907 when Lillian Graham visited him at his country place in Lexington, Ky.

In 1908, Stokes said, he gave Miss Graham two or three hundred dollars to go to Paris and visit her sister. The witness was flustered when asked for the date of his marriage, last year. He hesitated and blushed, then with a laugh, said:

"It was January or February of last year, I forget which."

Mrs. Stokes, a large, fine looking woman, was in court, and did not appear to see humor in her husband's confusion.

Stokes said he met Miss Graham last May and told her he was married. "She said she was surprised to hear it," testified the witness. "She told me she must have some money—\$500 to go to Europe to join her sister. I told her I was married and didn't want anything more to do with her. I said I was absolutely through, and would not give her a cent. She said she was in debt and must have money. I told her I was very sorry, but could do nothing for her."

PAIR WEEP AT STOKES'S RE-CEITAL.

At this point Miss Graham wept violently on Miss Conrad's shoulder. Her grief affected Mrs. Singleton, who burst into a sob. And the sob of the two women could be heard above the rasping, hush tones of Stokes's matter of fact recital of the succeeding meeting with the girl at the Ansonia, when she attempted suicide, he testified, because he refused to give her the \$500 she demanded. Mrs. Singleton quickly recovered her pulse, but Miss Graham's shoulders continued to shake and her face remained buried in her hands almost throughout Mr. Stokes's narration.

The witness gave a detailed account of his first meeting with Miss Conrad. He said she came to him at the Ansonia, May 21 last, and told how she had found her roommate, Miss Graham, unconscious from an attempt at suicide by carbolic acid. Said the witness:

"She told me she found a stack of my letters lying on the table, with a note to the press, saying Miss Graham had committed suicide because W. E. D. Stokes had shot her."

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PENDING PARDON, MORSE GOES FROM JAIL TO HOSPITAL

President Orders Banker's Removal for Observation as to His Real Condition.

DOCTORS WILL REPORT.

Wickersham Declares Prisoner in Bad Way and Action Is Taken at Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Taft to-day directed the warden of the Atlanta penitentiary to transfer Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, to the United States Army hospital at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, where he will remain under Federal authority and be given medical treatment. The transfer of Morse is to be made because of poor health. He is said to be suffering from kidney trouble and could not survive long in prison confinement.

Morse will be under the observation of physicians who will determine whether or not his physical condition is such that he should be granted a pardon by the President.

TAFT REACHES DECISION AT CABINET MEETING.

Announcement of the transfer was made in the following statement given out at the White House, just before the conclusion of to-day's Cabinet meeting: "Application has been made to the President on behalf of Charles W. Morse for a commutation of his sentence based on his present state of health, which is represented as very serious. By the President's direction the Attorney-General has directed the warden of the Atlanta penitentiary to transfer Mr. Morse to the United States Army Hospital at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, where he will have the best possible care and medical treatment, while still remaining in the custody of the Federal authorities."

The President's further action in the case, it was stated, would be determined by the observations of the army physicians.

After a conference with President Taft to-day Attorney-General Wickersham said that an announcement might be expected from the President in the Morse case within a short time.

District Attorney Wise of New York and H. F. Dougherty, one of Morse's attorneys, were called in consultation at the White House. The Attorney-General told the President that Morse was in bad condition.

Mr. Wickersham recently made a hurried and unannounced trip to Atlanta. It develops now that it was to meet Mr. Morse personally. The present negotiations looking to Morse's release began day before yesterday.

Morse is not eligible for parole, but if his health is found to be as bad as Mr. Wickersham himself understands it, he is probably will be given a pardon.

ACTION DUE TO UNTIRING EFFORTS OF HIS WIFE.

President Taft had previously announced that he would not consider another application for pardon before Jan. 1, 1912.

The action looking to the pardon of Morse is a tribute to the devoted efforts of his wife to obtain freedom for him. From the day of his conviction Mrs. Morse has made a systematic fight for a pardon that has extended to every corner of the United States. She established an office, prepared blank forms for signatures and flooded the mails with literature that went into every political constituency of the nation.

The President, members of both houses of Congress, financial leaders and men prominent in every department of life were either personally interviewed or solicited by letter to aid the wife in her fight for executive clemency.

Mrs. Morse pawned her gems to help pay the expenses of her fight, and her home at No. 728 Fifth avenue was as much a center of her contest as the little office she established in the financial district.

ATLANTA, Nov. 24.—While no statement relative to the proposed transfer or release of Charles W. Morse was obtainable at the Federal Penitentiary here, where the banker is confined, yet it is understood Mr. Morse is suffering from kidney trouble. It is claimed he cannot survive in the close confinement of a prison.

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Figures in Beattie Case; Scene of Last Act



FINNEY DECLINES THE PRESIDENCY OF PRINCETON

Says His Work at Johns Hopkins for Which He Is Better Fitted, Is Not Yet Done.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 24.—A member of the board of trustees of Princeton University expressed surprise and regret when informed to-day that Dr. James M. T. Finney of Baltimore, had decided to ask the board not to consider his name for the presidency of the university. He said Dr. Finney would have made an ideal executive head for Princeton.

According to the trustee no other name for the presidency is being considered by the committee appointed by the board to select a candidate for election to the full board, and the committee will have to look around for another suitable man.

LORD CAMOYS AND MISS SHERMAN TO WED IN SICK ROOM

Illness of Bride's Father Causes Change in Plans for Marriage To-morrow.

The wedding of Lord Camoys and Miss Mildred Sherman, heiress to several of the John Carter Brown millions, will take place to-morrow afternoon at the home of her father, William Watts Sherman, No. 88 Fifth avenue, in Mr. Sherman's sick chamber.

Lawrence L. Gillespie, husband of Miss Sherman's elder sister, said to-day he had been apprised that the wedding was to take place to-morrow afternoon in the presence of the immediate members of the family. This arrangement was made at the request of Mr. Sherman, who has been seriously ill for several weeks and is now in the care of four specialists.

Because of Mr. Sherman's illness, the invitations to a formal wedding on Dec. 2 were recalled. Also, Miss Sherman cancelled her dinner to her bridesmaids and Mr. Gillespie called off a dinner to Lord Camoys.

Lord Camoys would make no statement to-day about the marriage plans. His brother, the Hon. Hugo Stonor, arrived here to-day on the Lusitania.

Another brother, the Hon. Maurice Stonor, is on his way across the Atlantic. The priest who will marry the aristocratic but not wealthy nobleman to Miss Sherman arrived here from Newport, yesterday.

SNOW STORM ON THE WAY.

High Winds and Colder Weather Due To-Night.

The local weather bureau has received the following special from Washington:

"A cold northwest storm warning from Philadelphia to Boston. Disturbance over Middle Atlantic States, increasing in intensity. Winds will shift to high northwest late this afternoon or to-night, with rain, turning to snow and much colder."

"Temperature will fall 20 degrees or more in next twenty-four hours."

World Building Turkish Baths, 100 West 40th St. Bathing and manicure. Hairdressing in attendance. No extra charge.

BEATTIE MEETS DEATH WITH A SMILE AFTER WRITING "I CONFESS"

"Many of the Details Published Not True, but Fact Remains," His Message Prepared 24 Hours Before Execution.

CALM AS HE TAKES SEAT IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

First Shock at 7.23 o'Clock Kills—Family Claims Body for Funeral Sunday.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)
RICHMOND, Nov. 24.—Following the death of Henry Clay Beattie jr., in the electric chair at 7.23 A. M. to-day, the Rev. J. J. Fix made public the following confession:

"I, Henry Clay Beattie jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do, on this the twenty-fourth day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me.

"Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances, remains.

"For this action I am truly sorry, and believing that I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into His presence, this statement is made.

"HENRY CLAY BEATTIE JR."

Beattie's confession was followed by this statement from the attending ministers:

"This statement was signed in the presence of the two attending ministers and is the only statement that can and will be made public by them.

"Mr. Beattie desired to thank the many friends for kind letters and expressions of interest and the public for whatever sympathy was felt or expressed."

The confession was formulated by Beattie exactly twenty-four hours before he met his death. When it was that he first confessed to his father will not be known, but it is believed it was not until Gov. Mann had robbed him of his last hope for life—that he broke down and told the old man what his lawyers already knew, that it was true he had taken his girl wife, the mother of his child, into Midlothian road and there had struck her down and shot her to death.

It was the rigid conscientiousness of the old Presbyterian father as much as the desire of the young man about to die that brought forth the public confession to-day.

EXECUTION WAS SPECTACULAR.

The twelve witnesses to the execution of Beattie say their ordeal was depressing to a degree. The execution was spectacular—not because of any intent on the part of the authorities, but because the surroundings and other conditions contributed to the dramatic in this tragedy.

The morning was dark and misty and rain fell as the witnesses were admitted to the prison. The death chamber is below ground, with no windows, and to the witnesses it had the appearance and atmosphere of a tomb as they filed in and took their places.

The location of the death house and death cell is isolated. There was not a sound in the death chamber as the coming of Beattie was awaited but the shuffling of feet of the witnesses and attendants or a nervous cough on the part of one of those seated within view of the electric chair. No subdued whirr of a dynamo nearby told of the manufacture of the death dealing current. Instead, a big black cable hung from one corner of the room to the chair. This cable carried the 2,200-volt current from the city electric light plant, half a mile away.

When Beattie was strapped in the chair and the signal was given the full voltage was turned on. The lightninglike jump of the body, the strain of the straps and the groan attending the sudden expulsion of air from the lungs shocked the witnesses. The full power was kept on for five seconds and Beattie was dead without doubt.

At the expiration of five seconds the power was slowly diminished for twelve seconds. When the indicator showed 200 voltage the needle was stopped there for three seconds. Then the full power was slowly

FOUR OF THE MOB WHO TARRED GIRL GET JAIL TERMS

All Pledged Guilty and Must Serve Year Each—Fate of Three Others With Jury.

LINCOLN CENTRE, Kan., Nov. 21.—The three confessed members of the tar party, E. G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Scranton, were sentenced to a year each in jail by Judge Grover to-day.

Ed Ricard, who drove Miss Mary Chamberlain to the place where she was tarred, was sentenced to one year in jail. He had already been in jail seventy-seven days.

The jury in the case of the three men who went to trial, Sherrill Clark, A. N. Simms and John Schmidt, was still out this afternoon.

**THREE YEARS FOR AUTOIST
"GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER."**

TAUNTON, Mass., Nov. 21.—A jail sentence for an automobilist convicted of manslaughter in causing the deaths of two persons was imposed by Judge White in the Superior Court to-day when Edwin H. Hancock was committed to the House of Correction for three years. Hancock was convicted yesterday, the evidence showing that he was operating the automobile that killed George Hight and his fiancée, Miss Lottie Thomas, at Attleboro, last April.

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